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COMMAND**

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Overview

During March of 2008, Central Command accidents were down thirteen (13) crashes for both February, 2008 and from March of 2007 for a 16.9% decrease during both periods. There were twenty-four (24) injury crashes this month which is nine (9) more than in February for an increase of 60%. There were six (6) fatalities from three (3) crashes. One crash resulted in four (4) of the fatalities. Consequently, fatal crashes were up by 200% while actual fatalities increased by 500%. The thirty-seven (37) property crashes was a decrease of 39.3%. There were two (2) DUI arrests that resulted from crashes, which is a decrease of 66.7%. Incidentally, there was a 16.7% increase in DUI arrests prior to crashes with twenty-one (21) violators placed into custody.

The number of commercial vehicles involved in accidents decreased from eighteen (18) during February to thirteen (13) this month, which is a 27.8% decrease. Even with this reduction, commercial vehicles accounted for 20.3% of the crashes within the Command, for March. Nine (9) of the commercial crashes, or 69.23%, were the fault of the commercial driver. Eight (8) of the crashes occurred on Interstate 80, while the remaining five (5) crashes were on secondary roadways.

Overall enforcement activity (total violations) was up by six hundred thirty-nine (639) violations, or 29.2%. Speed enforcement increased by four hundred thirty-two (432) violations or 40.2% over February, while hazardous moving violations remained constant at one hundred thirty-six (136). Occupant restraint violations fell by six (6), which is a 3.8% less than February.

Commercial Operations personnel conducted forty-five (45) more inspections over February, or an increase of 10.4%. Violations and repair orders were down again, by four (4) violations and three (3) repair orders from February for the second month in a row. However, there were forty (40) drivers placed out of service as well as nineteen (19) vehicles. The number of trucks weighed increased dramatically by four hundred twenty (420) or a 677.4% increase.

Traffic Operations personnel conducted one hundred eighty-nine (189) level 2 & 3 inspections during March, for a decrease of 28.7%. There were corresponding decreases in violations and repair orders. There were ninety-three (93) citations with one hundred forty-nine (149) repair orders written during the inspections. Seven (7) vehicles and ten (10) drivers were placed "out of service."

Contract totals were up by two hundred ninety-one hours for a 62% increase over February. The Communications Center had increases of 12.7% in radio transmissions. CAD incidents were up by 4.2%, with call box activity up by 44.6%. However, telephone calls dropped slightly by 14.5% from February. The evidence section received five (5) more case submissions than the previous month for a 41.7% increase. Items processed increased by one hundred six (106) for a 331.3% increase with significant increases in the number of disposed items as well. All other Administrative sections saw decreases in activity.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	March-08		March-07	% Change		February-08	% Change
Total Crashes	64		77	-16.9%		77	-16.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	37		46	-19.6%		61	-39.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	24		27	-11.1%		15	60.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		4	-25.0%		1	200.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		5	-60.0%		6	-66.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		5	20.0%		1	500.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		2	0.0%		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	3		1	200.0%		0	300.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	13		20	-35.0%		18	-27.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		11	-27.3%		16	-50.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		9	-44.4%		1	400.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.7%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.1%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 16.7%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 20.3%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total crashes were down by 13 for a 16.9% decrease from last month and last year.
- DUI crashes were down by 4 over last month for a total of 2 crashes or a 66% decrease. The BAC results from both DUI crashes are still pending.
- There were 6 fatalities from 3 crashes up by 5 over last month and down by one from last year. Four of the fatalities occurred during one crash. Only one of the six was found to be not wearing a seat belt.
- There were 13 accidents involving a commercial vehicle during March, which decreased from 18 the previous month. The 13 accidents accounted for 20.3% of the total crashes in the Command. Of the 13 crashes, 9 or 69.23% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver, 4 of the crashes were found to be no fault, there were no crashes involving a commercial vehicle in which a passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. 8 of the 13 accidents occurred on Interstate 80, the remaining 5 accidents occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	March-08		March-07	% Change		February-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		5	-60.0%		6	-66.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	21		21	0.0%		18	16.7%
Other Arrests	158		130	21.5%		112	41.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	71		65	9.2%		54	31.5%
Speed violations	1507		1590	-5.2%		1075	40.2%
Hazardous moving violations	136		181	-24.9%		136	0.0%
Occupant restraint violations *	150		158	-5.1%		156	-3.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	2827		2802	0.9%		2188	29.2%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	48		28	71.4%		9	433.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	46		22	109.1%		20	130.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	477		388	22.9%		432	10.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	75		73	2.7%		79	-5.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	555		687	-19.2%		558	-0.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	19		38	-50.0%		33	-42.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	40		19	110.5%		16	150.0%
Total school buses inspected	114		2	5600.0%		0	11400.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	12		0	1200.0%		0	1200.0%
Total trucks weighed	482		523	-7.8%		62	677.4%
Total overweight citations	11		9	22.2%		7	57.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	448		374	19.8%		410	9.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations were up by 639 over February for a 29.2% increase.
- Speed enforcement was up by 432 for a 40.2% increase over February; hazardous moving violations remained constant at 136 and occupant restrain violations fell by 6 for a 3.8% decrease from February.
- There were 21 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 16.7% increase over February. The average BAC for impaired drivers was .214%.

- Commercial vehicle inspections were up by 45 for a 10.4% increase over the previous month. Violations and repair orders were down slightly by 4 violations and 3 repair orders from the previous month. There were 40 drivers placed out of service and 19 vehicles placed out of service. The number of trucks weighed was up dramatically by 420 for a 677.3% increase.
- There were 482 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in March and 106 of those were weighed on secondary roadways during 191.67 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
March-08	189	93	149	10	7	154	0
March-07	302	137	376	25	17	249	0
% Change	-37.4%	-32.1%	-60.4%	-60.0%	-58.8%	-38.2%	#DIV/0!

March-08	189	93	149	10	7	154	0
February-08	265	106	308	14	7	212	0
% Change	-28.7%	-12.3%	-51.6%	-28.6%	0.0%	-27.4%	#DIV/0!

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 189 level 2/3 inspections during March. This was a decrease of 28.7% from the previous month. There were corresponding decreases in violations and repair orders. 93 citations for violations and 149 repair orders were written during the inspections with 7 vehicles and 10 drivers being placed "out of service."

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	March-08		March-07	% Change		February-08	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	62339		82876	-24.8%		55332	12.7%
CAD incidents	7466		11321	-34.1%		7166	4.2%
Telephone Calls	7366		10984	-32.9%		8618	-14.5%
Call Box Incidents	107		N/A	#VALUE!		74	44.6%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	50		122	-59.0%		112	-55.4%
Arrest Reports Processed	46		70	-34.3%		60	-23.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	6		8	-25.0%		9	-33.3%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	152		332	-54.2%		227	-33.0%
Warrants Entered	185		154	20.1%		391	-52.7%
Warrants Cleared	135		210	-35.7%		398	-66.1%
Warrants Validated	1871		1753	6.7%		2296	-18.5%
Extradition / Transports	4		7	-42.9%		4	0.0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	17		11	54.5%		12	41.7%
New Items Submitted	138		24	475.0%		32	331.3%
Items Disposed	427		5	8440.0%		11	3781.8%

Contract Service overtime was 781.51 hours during 10 escorts totalling \$56,646.37.

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- All other Administrative sections saw decreases in activity.

PERSONNEL

- Interviews were conducted to fill Administrative Assistant vacancies in the Administration Section and the Commercial Enforcement Section.
- The applicants for PSD I and IV for the Communications Center were not hired for various reasons. The recruitments for PSD I and PSD IV have been reopened to seek applicants for three current vacancies in the center.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- On March 18, 20, and 27, there were several presentations provided on fifteen (15) passenger van safety, safe winter driving as well as commercial “no zone” information, conducted at various mining corporations in the Elko area.
- On March 21, our PIEO was the DPS Liaison for the Eureka County High School career fair.
- There were also several press interviews conducted, that related to crashes throughout the command.

AIR OPERATIONS

On March 3rd the Central Command and Southern Command aircraft were used together during a “Joining Forces” event to support patrol efforts during the NASCAR weekend.

On March 5th all Division aircraft were used to fly the missing man formation over the memorial service for fallen Trooper Kara Kelly-Borgonone in Reno, NV.

Seven speed enforcement missions were scheduled this month. Two were canceled due to a lack of manpower. Two were canceled because of bad weather, and one was cancelled because of training. One mission was added to the schedule to bring the total missions flown to three.

A total of 72 enforcement actions were taken. The breakdown is as follows:

Speed:	56
Hazardous Moving:	5
Non-Hazardous:	8
Seat Belt:	3
Arrests:	0

Nine motorists were assisted during speed enforcement missions and one was assisted during line patrol flights.